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DECISION 7 (XI)

SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT II

The International Tropical Timber Council,

Reaffirming ITTO Member States' commitments to sustainable management and utilization of tropical forest resources;

Recalling ITTC Decision 3(X), paragraphs 2(f) and 3(b) in which the ITTC decided to adopt and implement the Strategy by which, through international collaboration and national policies and programmes, ITTO Members will progress towards achieving sustainable management of tropical forests and trade in tropical timber from sustainably managed resources by the year 2000;

Further recalls its undertaking to assess the resources needed by producer countries to attain the sustainable management of tropical forests by the Year 2000 Target. This will be achieved through a systematic approach which will identify the obstacles to and the solutions for attaining sustainable forest management and the time-stream of costs and benefits in implementation of the Year 2000 Target. This will be coordinated by a panel of experts selected by the Council;

Also recalls its undertaking to study with the assistance of an Expert Panel an estimate of the resources needed by producer countries to attain sustainability by the year 2000 and to report on progress at each Council Session;

Noting that an Expert Panel to Define Possible General Criteria for and Measurement of Sustainable Tropical Forest Management has been convened;

Decides:

1. to request the Executive Director to convene immediately a Panel composed of six producing country members and six consuming country members to estimate the resources needed by producer countries to attain sustainable management of tropical forests by the Year 2000, consistent with Council Decision 3(X);
2. to request the Executive Director to seek funding through the Special Account for producing country members' participation and associated expenses;
3. to request the Executive Director to report on the Panel's work at the Twelfth Session of the Council.
